

## Digital Stories



Engaging Students Through Technology



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## Digital Story

### • Objectives:

Learn how to upload photos, add text, narrate, and incorporate music to create a digital story. Learn how digital stories engage students.



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## What is a Digital Story?

- a story shared via elements of text mixed with multimedia to provide voice, imagery, audio and sound.



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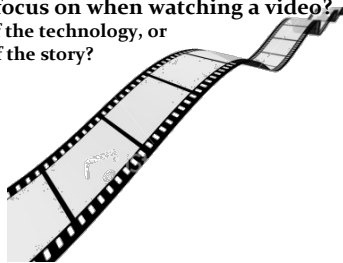
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## Why Digital Storytelling...

It's a digital world!

What do we focus on when watching a video?

- a) the power of the technology, or
- b) the power of the story?



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## Elements of Digital Stories



- A story line
- Meaningful audio soundtrack
- Quality images, video & other multimedia elements
- Significance of the story detail
- Grammar and language usage

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## Great Sites



<http://animoto.com>



<http://www.xtranormal.com>



<http://storybird.com>



<http://edu.glogster.com>



<http://www.kerpoof.com>



<http://voicethread.com>



<http://scratch.mit.edu>



<http://www.storylineonline.net/>



<http://blabberize.com/>



<http://apps.scholastic.com/captainunderpants/comic/play.htm>

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# Animoto

Sign In or Sign Up Sign In with Facebook Create Video

animoto Features Sample Videos Plans & Pricing

**Unlimited Videos For You and Your Students.**

Enhance your digital classroom with Animoto, the perfect tool for creating videos and presentations. It takes just minutes to create a video which can bring your lessons to life.

Apply Now

Educators can apply for a free Animoto Plus account for use in the classroom. Its powerful features can be used to create stunning presentations incorporating images, video clips, music and text.

“Animoto is one of the marvels of Web 2.0. It is a wonderful initiative and a true benefit to teachers and students.”  
— *Classroom Education*

<http://animoto.com/>

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# Storybird

Create Read Tour Sign In Sign Up Help

Storybirds are short, art-inspired stories you make to share, read, and print.

Read from the books, play them like games, and send them like greeting cards. They're certainly fun.

Start a Storybird Now or take the tour

<http://storybird.com/books/the-gift-of-storytelling/>

early buzz: Two thumbs up! - The Gadget Show

Storybirds art-inspired stories you make to share, read, and print

<http://storybird.com/>

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# voicethread

<http://voicethread.com/> or <http://ed.voicethread.com/>



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## Storyline

**CHOOSE A STORY...**

- HARRY THE DIRTY DOG
- TO BE A DRUM
- GUJI GUJI
- SEBASTIAN'S ROLLER SKATES
- SOPHIE'S MASTERPIECE
- MORE STORIES!

PROGRAM OF THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD FOUNDATION

**WELCOME!**

The Screen Actors Guild Foundation is proud to bring you *Storyline Online*, an on-line streaming video program featuring SAG members reading children's books aloud! Each book includes accompanying activities and lesson ideas.

Click on any book at the left to get started!

This program has been made possible by a grant from the Screen Actors Guild

**"WHITE SOCKS ONLY"**  
READ BY  
AMBER ROSE TAMBLYN

**NOW PLAYING!**

<http://www.storylineonline.net>

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## Storyline

**Related Activities**

1. Retell this story in your own words.
2. Discuss and then tell or write about what you enjoyed most about this book.
3. Read To Be a Drum aloud to someone.
4. Daddy Wes instructs Martha and Mat to put their ear to the bare earth to listen for the earth heartbeat. See if you can do the same and hear the heartbeat of the earth.
5. What is the significance of the earth heartbeat? How does it bind all people together?
6. Research the subject of slavery. What does it mean to be a slave? What was the life of a slave like? Discuss what you learned about slavery with an adult.

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**More Activities**

1. What are some of the things the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. did to help make life better for all peoples?
2. In November 2008 Barack Obama was elected President of the United States of America. On January 20, 2009 he was inaugurated as President of the United States of America. Why was this event historic?
3. Research the Harlem Renaissance and make a list of important people who contributed to this movement in the areas of music, dance, literature, and art. Choose one of these people to research further and write a report about their life and contributions. Make a poster about this person to go with your report.

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**Vox + Loki = Voki**  
 Vox is Latin for voice.  
 Loki is a prankster character in Norse Mythology.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rp2w0Tm5e6Q&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rp2w0Tm5e6Q&feature=player_embedded)

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## Examples

- Check out examples at [iCAN](#)
- What elements did you like?
- How did the story tap into your emotions?
- Take a look at the resources available at [FLICKSCHOOL](#)



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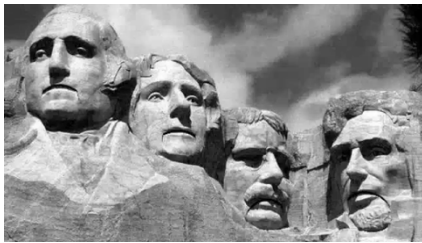
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## Blabberize



Blabberize is a photo editing tool that creates talking animations from a photo or other image.

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## Xtranormal



<http://www.xtranormal.com/edu>

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Kerpoof is a Disney Company multimedia software designed for kids of all ages to create

- original artwork
- animated movies
- stories
- greeting cards and more



[www.kerpoof.com](http://www.kerpoof.com)

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## Create Your Own Superhero!

Super-powers?  
Adventures?  
Alter-ego?  
Side-kick?  
Arch enemy?  
Create the story!

\*[http://www.5mfm.com/drawingview/drawing\\_id2929](http://www.5mfm.com/drawingview/drawing_id2929)  
\*<http://www.makethebestcomic.com/Comic/>  
\*[http://superherosquad.marvel.com/create\\_your\\_own\\_comic](http://superherosquad.marvel.com/create_your_own_comic)  
\*<http://apps.scholastic.com/captainunderpants/comic/play.htm>

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## Video Education

<http://www.brightstorm.com/>

<http://www.neok12.com/>

<http://videlectures.net/>

[http://www.mathtv.com/videos\\_by\\_topic](http://www.mathtv.com/videos_by_topic)

<http://www.watchknowlearn.org/default.aspx>

<http://www.thefutureschannel.com/>

brightstorm

neoK12

videlectures.net  
exchange ideas & share knowledge

MATH TV  
PROVIDING THE VIDEO VERSION



FUTURES



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- overall purpose of the story
- narrator's point of view
- a question or questions
- choice of content
- clarity of voice
- pacing of the narrative

Elements

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## EQUIPMENT

Low Tech  
Computer



Higher Tech  
Video Camera  
Digital Camera  
Microphone

More Advanced Tech  
Sound: Garageband, Audacity  
Video & Digital Editing: iMovie,  
Windows Movie Maker, Photoshop

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# Photo Story 3 & Movie Maker

Both are free and easy to use for creating digital stories using your own pictures and music.



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# Storyboards

are a planning & organizing tool

## T-Script Audio/Video Storyboard

Videos/Graphics	Audio/Narration
The left side of the script is for video, graphics, images.	The right side is for the actual narration, text, sound effects, etc.

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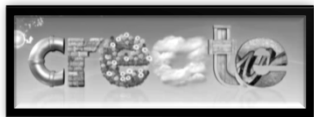
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# Your Own Story

- Review the elements and
- Publish on an accessible site (wikispace, iTunes, YouTube Education, TeacherTube, Vimeo, etc.)

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